GARDEN GROVE, CA – This weekend, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) held a meeting to congratulate Ana Rodríguez, a 17-year-old Godinez High School student selected by Rep. Sanchez to serve as a congressional page this summer.

"I selected Ana because she's a bright young lady who has excellent grades, is driven, and has a genuine desire to learn more about what Congress does," said Rep. Sanchez. "The Congressional Page Program can be very challenging. Students start class at 6 a.m. and work long hours until votes are finished. But it affords them the opportunity to meet legislators, learn how bills are passed, and make new friends while experiencing an exciting city."

Rep. Sanchez assured Rodríguez's family that she would be safe and watched over. "It is always difficult to let our children go to a new place, but this is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Rep. Sanchez continued. "Being in a new environment will help Ana explore her interest in politics and also improve her studies."

Rodríguez will reside in Washington, D.C. for the summer, where she and other high school students from across the country will carry out clerical and messenger duties for Members of Congress. Competitive applicants for the Congressional Page Program must be at least 16 years old and a junior in high school, have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average, and receive a letter of support from their sponsoring Member of Congress.

At the meeting, Rodriguez and her family were also joined by Santa Ana Unified Board Member John Palacio, Assistant Superintendent Dawn Miller; and Godinez High School Principal Greg Rankin.